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TO:

Minerals File

FROM:

Doug Jensen, Reclamation Specialist

RE:

Closure of DOGM File, Chris Stevenson/A. Levin, LaSal Mill, S/037/080, San Juan

County, Utah

This site was initiated by Paul Scofield in 1991 and has since reclaimed and left the area. The site was reactivated in 1993 by the present operators. A site visit by Holland Shepard in May 1993 indicated that the mill had been operating in a test mode. Two (unlined) process ponds had been constructed and one was active at that time. A building was being built and several small stockpiles were evident at the site. No notice was ever received from this group.

Tony Gallegos site inspection in October 1998, revealed that the ponds had since been reclaimed and there was no stockpiles in evidence. Tanks remained at the site but were arranged in an area which seemed to be a bone yard. Photos taken at that time indicated that the regrowth in the reclaimed areas was essentially a match of the surrounding areas.

This site was never approved and the disturbance that was associated with the process, which was initiated in 1993, has been reclaimed. For this reason I feel that this site can be closed at this time.

The operators should be informed that if they wish to conduct any future mining at this site, they must submit a notice to the appropriate agency and receive written approval before creating any surface disturbance.

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